

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An installation for exchanging information comprising a transmitter (SA3; SA4) supplied from a power supply (WDDA), an electric cable (C1) of which a first conductor is connected to a point of fixed potential (GNDA) of the transmitter and of which a second conductor is connected to a point of variable potential of the transmitter and at least one receiver (SB3; SB4), wherein the receiver or the receivers (SB3; SB4) comprise a component (P3; DZB4) defining a threshold voltage opposing the flow of the electric current through the cable (C1) such that an interference voltage must be greater than this threshold voltage in order to be interpreted as information.

2. (Currently Amended) The installation for exchanging information as claimed in claim 1, wherein the component (P3) defining a threshold voltage opposing the flow of the electric current through the cable (C1) is a dry-cell or an electric accumulator (P3).

3. (Currently Amended) The installation for exchanging information as claimed in claim 1, wherein the component (DZB4) defining a threshold voltage opposing the flow of the electric current through the cable (C1) comprises a Zener diode (DZB4) supplied with a continuous current, such that between its terminals it exhibits a voltage substantially equal to its Zener voltage even in the absence of current in the cable (C1).

4. (Currently Amended) The installation for exchanging information as claimed in claim 3, wherein the threshold voltage opposing the flow of the electric current through the cable (E1) is the sum of the Zener voltage of the Zener diode (DZB4) and of the emitter-base voltage of a transistor (TB4) whose emitter is linked to the anode of the Zener diode (DZB4).

5. (Original) The installation for exchanging information as claimed in claim 1, wherein the threshold voltage is greater than 2 volts.

6. (Original) The installation for exchanging information as claimed in claim 2, wherein the threshold voltage is greater than 2 volts.

7. (Original) The installation for exchanging information as claimed in claim 3, wherein the threshold voltage is greater than 2 volts.

8. (Original) The installation for exchanging information as claimed in claim 4, wherein the threshold voltage is greater than 2 volts.